



MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PRACTITIONER REVIEW OF PATIENT MEDICATION REGIMEN

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I. PURPOSE: To ensure patients at MSH are free from unnecessary or excessive medications as per Montana Codes Annotated (M.C.A. 53-21-145).

II. POLICY:

- A. The attending practitioner is responsible for all medications given or administered to a patient.
- B. A medication may not be administered unless there is a written order of an independent practitioner.
- C. Notation of each individual's medication must be kept in the individual's medical records.
- D. Review of a patient's drug regimen by the attending practitioner will be done no less than weekly.
- E. Medications may not be used as a punishment for the convenience of staff, as a substitute for a treatment program, or in quantities that interfere with the patient's treatment program.

III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. MAR - Medical Administration Record, which lists all medications that a patient is taking at the given time.
- B. Practitioner -- Attending physician or advanced practice registered nurse with a clinical specialty in psychiatric mental health nursing.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. The attending practitioner is responsible for reviewing the MAR weekly to determine the appropriateness of all medication being administered.
- B. Pharmacy and Nursing department will ensure each patient's MAR is updated as needed and reflects all the current medications.

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V. PROCEDURE:

- A. In accordance with current Montana statute, the attending practitioner will review the drug regimen of each patient admitted under his or her care on a weekly basis.
- B. On a weekly basis, the attending practitioner will review the MAR on each patient (see sample attached). At that time, the practitioner will initial the MAR to document the drug regimen has been reviewed and is appropriate. If changes are necessary, this will be recorded on the Progress Notes and signed by the physician. The date the review takes place will also be recorded on the MAR.

VI. REFERENCES: M.C.A. 53-21-145

VI. COLLABORATED WITH: Director of Nursing Services, Medical Director, Pharmacy Director

VIII. RESCISSIONS: #PS-03 *Practitioner Review of Patient Medication regimen* dated June 6, 2003.

IX. DISTRIBUTION: All hospital policy manuals.

X. REVIEW AND REISSUE DATE: August 2009

XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: Medical Director

XII. ATTACHMENTS: None

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